



## February 2015 at Fort Donelson

The park visitor center is open daily from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

The exhibit room at the Dover Hotel (Stop #10) is open daily from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

**Schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.**

**Join us as we commemorate the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fort Donelson and begin to close our portion of the Civil War Sesquicentennial!**

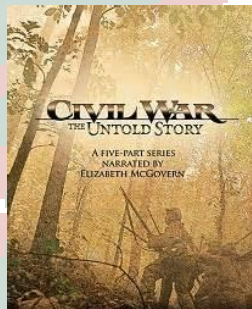
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**Thursday, February 5, 2015, 6:30PM, Calloway County (KY) Public Library**

**Or**

**Friday, February 6, 2015, 3:00PM, Fort Donelson Visitor Center, Dover**

Join us as we share a FREE showing of episode 1 of the recently premiered “Civil War: The Untold Story,” which focuses on the causes of the Civil War, the beginning of the War, Forts Henry and Donelson, and Shiloh. Shown with the kind permission of Great Divide Pictures.



**Sunday, February 8, 2015, 6:00PM, Confederate Monument (Stop #1)**

Join us as we commemorate the Confederate soldiers who served, fought, and died here in February of 1862 during this luminary tribute. During this tribute, the names of known Confederates killed in the Battle will be read aloud. Offered in partnership with the Fort Donelson Camp, SCV, and the Fort Donelson Chapter, UDC.

**Saturday, February 14, 2015, 1:00 PM, Fort Donelson Visitor Center**

Join us as we welcome Dr. Brian Steel Wills to Fort Donelson to share his thoughts on Nathan Bedford Forrest, and how the 1862 Battle helped shape his legacy. Brian Steel Wills is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga. Dr. Wills will also be available to sign copies of his excellent biography of Forrest while supplies last.



Dr. Brian Steel Wills, author of The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman: Nathan Bedford Forrest.

### **Saturday, February 14, 2015, 3:00 PM, River Batteries, (Stop #4)**

Join noted Fort Donelson historian and friend of the park Professor Kendall Gott and park staff as we commemorate the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the major naval battle at Fort Donelson. The names of known Federal and Confederates injured and killed in the battle will be read during this program. (And...you never know...the park's resident Bald Eagles may make an appearance!)

### **Sunday, February 15, 2015, 1:00PM, beginning at the Visitor Center**

Join us for a special bus tour of the park and Dover as we commemorate the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Confederate "breakout" of February 15, 1862, led by noted Fort Donelson historian and friend of the park Kendall Gott and park Volunteer James Vaughan. Tour may involve some walking and mild exercise. Space is limited, so reservations are required, and may be made by calling (931)232-5706, ext. 0.

### **Sunday, February 15, 2015, 3:00PM, Calloway County Public Library**

The Fort Donelson book club, Murray, Kentucky, group, continues with a discussion of chapters 21-41 of Chris DeRose's The Presidents' War: Six American Presidents and the Civil War That Divided Them. A limited number of free copies are available at the Library for participants.

### **Saturday, February 14-Sunday, February 15, 2015, 10:00-4:00 each day**

Join us as we welcome longtime friends of the park and living history group the 9<sup>th</sup> Kentucky (USA) as they share with us the ways of camp life during the American Civil War. They will be camped at tour route stop #5. A schedule of activities will be posted at the visitor center each day. Kids can earn a Junior Ranger badge by drawing some sketches of the camp!

### **Monday, February 16, 2015, 11:00AM, Fort Donelson United Methodist Church**

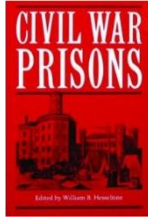
Join us as we commemorate the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the surrender of Fort Donelson with a unique program at this historic church. Witness General Ulysses Grant (USA) and General Simon B. Buckner (CSA) face questions as to what happened here, and what it meant. Also joining us will be Fort Donelson historian Kendall Gott for his insights. This will be followed by a dramatic reading of a unique sermon delivered by David Kelley, aide to Nathan Bedford Forrest, at this church in 1897, thirty-five years after the Battle. Light refreshments will be served following this program, courtesy of the Ladies of the church.

### **Saturday, February 21, 2015, 2:00PM, Wrather West Kentucky Museum, Murray State University**

Join us, Murray State University, and the Fort Heiman Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, as we offer a unique Kentucky Humanities Council Chautauqua presentation sharing the story of Johnny Green, a member of the famous Kentucky "Orphan Brigade." Johnny Green was 19 when the Civil War broke out. He was one of the few soldiers in the Orphan Brigade alive when it ended. Come learn his story in this unique interactive opportunity. We are grateful to our partners, the Kentucky Humanities Council, and all who make this possible.

### **Thursday, February 26, 2015, 6:00PM, Fort Donelson Visitor Center**

The Fort Donelson book club, Dover group, continues with an exploration of William Hesseltine's Civil War Prisons. A limited number of free copies are available for participants at the visitor center.



**Saturday, February 28, 2015, 9:00AM-4:00PM, Stewart County (TN) Public Library, Dover**

Join us as the park and some volunteers offer the “Fort Donelson Quilt Tribute Quilting Bee II.” Learn more about this beautiful craft and tradition. All supplies are furnished, and visitors of all ages are welcome to participate. Thanks to the Library for being a gracious host.

All programs are free and open to the public. Schedule may be adjusted as warranted due to hazardous weather conditions, and updates will be made via the park’s website ([www.nps.gov/fodo](http://www.nps.gov/fodo)) and its Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fortdonelsonnps](https://www.facebook.com/fortdonelsonnps)).

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